

# News Release

## *Loess Bluffs National Wildlife Refuge*

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### **Summer Junior Naturalist Programs at Loess Bluffs NWR**

**Mound City, Missouri** – Looking for some outdoor fun for your family and school-aged children this summer? Loess Bluffs National Wildlife Refuge will offer Summer Junior Naturalist Programs on the second Thursday of each month from June through August 2017 in the evening at 6:30 p.m. These fun and educational programs will get kids outside and connect them with nature and wildlife through hands-on learning and experiences at a national wildlife refuge. All are welcome to attend but the programs will focus for kids Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. All programs will be outside; please dress appropriately to be outdoors, wear sturdy shoes, and bring insect repellent and plenty of water. Families are encouraged to join or a parent or legal guardian must accompany youth at all times. Please meet in the refuge auditorium before we start. All programs are free of charge.

The Junior Naturalist Program begins Thursday, June 8, to get *Wild About Wetlands* and learn all about wetlands and who lives there – be prepared to get a little wet! On Thursday, July 13, learn about *Mysterious Mammals* of the refuge. Participants will look at pelts and skulls and learn they adapt to the habitat they live in. On Thursday, August 10, join us for a hike and become an ornithologist (a scientist who studies birds) and learn about *Birds in the Bluffs*! Bring your families, and we hope to see you out on the refuge!

Loess Bluffs National Wildlife Refuge is located in northwest Missouri near Mound City. Take Interstate 29 to Exit 79 south of Mound City, Missouri then travel south 2 ½ miles on U.S. Highway 159. Connect with our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/loessbluffsnwr/](http://www.facebook.com/loessbluffsnwr/). Check our website: [www.fws.gov/refuge/loess\\_bluffs/](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/loess_bluffs/), for Refuge updates. For more information please contact 660/442-3187.

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